through the WTO dispute settlement mechanism as appropriate.

Tourism in Punjab during the Ninth Five Year Plan

*83. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of action plans included in the Ninth Five Year Plan to promote and encourage tourism in the State of Punjab;

(b) the necessary funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) the details of ongoing tourist projects sponsored by the Central Government in that State?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM: (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) The Action Plans for the development of Tourism in any State is prepared by the respective State Government. However, the Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for the implementation of specific projects on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments and the merits of each case on any year to year basis. For the year 1997-98, the Department of Tourism has prioritised projects in Punjab for financial assistance as per the details given below:

	Rs. In Lakhs
1. Wayside amenities at Muktasar	25.00
2. Tourist Complex at Anandpur Sahib	30.00
3. Expansion of Tourist Complex at Goindwal	25.00
4. Expansion of Tourist Complex at Malout	14.25
5. Fairs and Festivals	
(a) Hola Mohalla	04.00
(b) Baisakhi Festival	2.00
(c) Harballabh Sangeet Samelan	02.00
(d) Rural Sprots Mela	02.00
Total	104.25

(c) There are 30 on-going projects costing a sum of Rs 425.85 lakhs assisted by the Central Government during Eighth Plan in the State of Punjab.

Defaulters in Allahabad Bank

*84. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 47 big business houses are persistent defaulters of Allahabad Bank; if so, the names of those business houses and amount of default;

(b) the number of suits filed by the bank for recovery of these debts and how many decrees obtained and executed;

(c) the loan position of Uptron India; and

(d) how many cases have been referred to BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (c) Allahabad Bank have reported that it is not a fact that all the 46 (not 47) defaulters which had been identified by the bank belong to big business houses. Keeping in view the secrecy provisions relating to customer-banker relationship as provided in various statutes, it is not possible to disclose the names of the banks' constituents other than those against whom suits have been filed by the bank. The details of constituents against whom suits have been filed by the bank are enclosued. (*see* below)

(b) and (d) Allahabad Bank have further reported that out of the 46 cases, 9 cases have been referred to BIFR, in 11 cases the bank has filed suits and in another 12 cases the bank has inititated action to file suits. As the suit filed cases are under process of hearing, no decree has been passed. The bank has been able to regularise or upgrade five borrowal accounts. With regard to the remaining cases the bank has taken up the matter with the loanee, State Government (where the company has been taken over) etc.